

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 306  
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A RESOLUTION to honor John Andrew Coates for success in his academic, athletic and spiritual endeavors.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, John Andrew Coates is one such extraordinary person, having achieved numerous honors in his academic, athletic and spiritual endeavors; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Mr. Coates has achieved extraordinary academic success, serving as the Valedictorian of his Freshman Class and having previously served as Salutatorian of his Eighth Grade class; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his laudable high school career, he has earned honors in his athletic pursuits being named Football Player of the Week and Soccer Practice Player of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the former Cub Scout, earning the Arrow of Light and the "Faith in God" Award, served in Boy Scout Troop 571 and advanced through Eagle Scouts; and

WHEREAS, John's many memberships include the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, Science Club, Hickman County High Student Council, Beta Club, the 4-H Club, the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes, statistician for the basketball team, First Farmers and Merchants National Bank Student Advisory Board and many others too numerous to name; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual prowess, athletic accomplishment and spiritual faith surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, this 1996 graduate's noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for his parents, Andy and Shirley Coates, and for Hickman County High School and the Centerville community; and

WHEREAS, John Andrew Coate's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend John Andrew Coates on his impressive academic, athletic and spiritual achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.